

「STRATO」



「ALTERNATIVE」









WHAT...?!



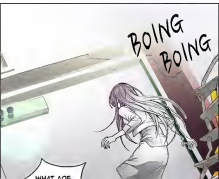


DICE

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE DICE SERIES

STAGE ◻◻◻◻:

LOVERS CIO





SHWAASH





SPLASH





W-WHAT?
DID SHE MISS ME
ON PURPOSE...?!

DRIP
DRIP



ARE YOU GOING
EASY ON ME?!

YELL

COULD
IT BE YOU DON'T
HAVE THE GUTS TO
GET RID OF OTHER
A-RANKERS?

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY
GONNA FIGHT LIKE
THIS AGAINST TAESIN
OR YOUR OTHER
CLASSMATES?!



DO YOU REALLY THINK
YOU CAN OBLITERATE
ALL DICE WITH

WHEN YOU'RE SUCH
A SOFTIE?!

CHAPTER 1



ITEM MODE:
<ENCHANTED DICE>





ZNG





<ENCHANTED DICE>

ESSENTIALLY, NO FEATURES
OF ITS OWN,
NONE OF ITS OWN DAMAGE.

COST



USER CAN IMPLEMENT ANY
A-RANKER SKILL ON THE ITEM,
AND USE IT TO ATTACK. UPON
ROLLING, DAMAGE WILL BE
DONE ONCE, AND IT MAY BE
A CRITICAL HIT.



PSYCHOKINESIS
ENHANCEMENT SKILL LV2.
〈CRYOKINESIS〉

FREEZE.



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IN
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SWISH



WHOOO



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NO WAIT, TELEPO-...

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CRAACK



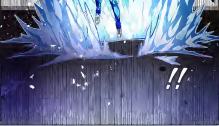


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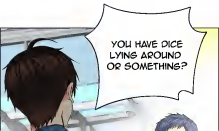
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I...
REALLY DON'T
UNDERSTAND YOU!



YOU HAVE DICE
LYING AROUND
OR SOMETHING?



WHAT'S
YOUR DEAL!!




HAAA...



A close-up of a character's face, showing the lower half with a blue shirt and a black collar. The character has a serious expression.

....YOU KNOW,
THOSE DICE I USED
ON NANI,

A close-up of a character's face, showing the upper half with a blue headband. The character has a wide-eyed, intense expression.

THOSE WERE ACTUALLY
MY LAST.

WHAT?

OH, AND MIO
GAVE SOME OF HERS,
TOO.


BECAUSE WHAT I HAD WAS
NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE
NANI BETTER.







S-SO THAT MEANS
YOU NEEDED
THOSE DICE...!

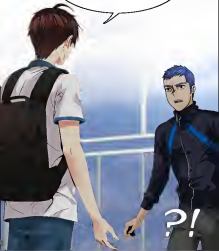


SO WHY?...
WHY ARE YOU GIVING THEM
AWAY TO OTHER PEOPLE!!





....I JUST
WANTED TO GIVE THEM
AWAY.





JUST WANTED TO...

SHOUT...



YOU KNOW...

BEFORE I
FOUND OUT ABOUT THE DICE,
I HAD LOST ALL HOPE
FOR THIS LIFE.

LIFE IS FAIR.

EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING
THEY ARE GOOD AT






YOU JUST HAVE TO
WORK AT IT.

'WHO THE HELL CAME UP
WITH THAT BS?'



FOR ME, DICE MEANT
POSSIBILITIES.

THE POSSIBILITY,
OF BEING BORN ANEW,
OF DOING WHATEVER I WANTED.




....SO I THOUGHT
ANYONE COULD BECOME
HAPPY, IF THEY HAD
DICE.



HOWEVER...



A high-angle, grainy photograph of a group of people in a hallway. A yellow caution tape is stretched across the middle of the frame. In the foreground, a person in a brown jacket is lying on their back, and another person in a blue jacket is crouching nearby. In the middle ground, a person in a red shirt is running towards the camera, and another person in a white shirt is running away from the camera. In the background, a group of people are standing and watching. The text "THINGS DIDN'T RUN OUT THE WAY I EXPECTED." is overlaid in the center of the image.

THINGS DIDN'T RUN OUT
THE WAY I EXPECTED.



WAS I WRONG?



WAS I MISTAKEN?



AFTER I BECOME SOMEONE
ELSE WITH THE DICE,
DID IT NOT MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS TO OTHERS?




THAT'S...

....A WHILE LATER,

I REALIZED
SOMETHING.

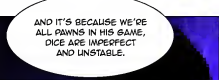
THAT I HADN'T
BEEN WRONG.





THE PROBLEM ACTUALLY,
IS THE BEING THAT
CONTROLS THE GAME...

「X」



AND IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE
ALL PAWNS IN HIS GAME,
DICE ARE IMPERFECT
AND UNSTABLE.



IF WE CAN UP-END THE RULE
THAT YOU MUST COMPETE
TO BE THE FEW AT THE TOP

IF WE CAN TAKE DOWN
X, WHO ENCOURAGES
THAT RULE

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...DON'T YOU THINK
THINGS WILL BE
DIFFERENT?





....I JUST,
WANT TO BELIEVE
IN THAT CHANCE.











SO HE JUST WANTED TO
GIVE HIS BBS AWAY...

STOMP

STOMP





I'VE CAREFULLY MANAGED TO
STAY AFLOAT
AND HOW TO GET MY THROAT BASTY
AND SACRIFICE PEOPLE.



ARE YOU REALLY TELLING
A GUY LIKE ME TO
ABUSE YOUR SENSATIONS...

WHAT THE HELL...





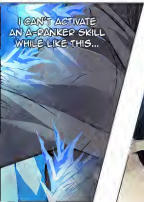
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ARGH

I CAN'T MOVE...!

I CAN'T ACTIVATE
AN A-RANKER SKILL
WHILE LIKE THIS...





SIGH

I... CONCEDE.

SIGH

I'M... REALLY SURPRISED...
THAT YOU WERE ABLE
TO GET SO STRONG...
SO FAST...

XXXXXXXXXX



...LET ME ASK YOU
SOMETHING.

WHY... IS IT YOU... WANT TO
GET RID OF... ALL THE DICE?

.....






.....
BECAUSE ULTIMATELY
DICE WILL LEAD
US TO A DISASTER.



WHO KNOWS WHY.
SOMEONE LIKE HIM
APPEARED IN FRONT OF US...

BUT DICE AREN'T THINGS
HUMANS SHOULD POSSESS
IN THE FIRST PLACE






IT'S GONNA BE THE SAME,
EVEN IF X IS REPLACED
BY SOMEONE WHO
WANTS TO RIGHT THINGS.

BECAUSE AS LONG
AS DICE EXIST..
CONFLICTS ARE BOUND
TO OCCUR.


...SO YOU REALLY, TRULY
WANT TO OBLITERATE....
ALL DICE?



.....



WE CAN ALL BE HAPPY,
EVEN IF WE DON'T
HAVE THEM. WE CAN
DEFINITELY BE HAPPY...













CRAACK



SWISH

I know



YOU ATTACKED
FULL-FRONTAL FROM
THE START.

IF YOU
WANTED THE DICE,
IT WOULD'VE BEEN
EASIER TO SNEAK UP
ON ME...

AND YOU KEPT QUESTIONING
ME ABOUT MY INTENT
AND THE TRUTH.

I KNOW
YOU CAME TO SEE ME
BECAUSE FOR A DIFFERENT
AGENDA.







....WHY HAVE YOU
COME?

.....



...I HAVE...

....A FAVOR TO ASK.

SWAY



IF IT'S YOU...

...WITH YOUR POWER,
YOU CAN DEFINITELY PUT A STOP
TO IT.



TO STOP..

...THEM...

...WHAT I COULD DO
WASN'T ENOUGH.





STOP MUYEONG.....!!



...TAEBIN
FROM BECOMING
AN S-RANKER!!

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How



